1	2	3
6.	Nagaland	16.00
7.	Sikkim	6.57
8.	Tripura	16.42

(b) The portion of NH-37 from km. 687.220 to km. 688.550, which falls within the embankment of Brahmaputra river is being maintained as a fair weather road as it is very difficult to maintain it during rainy season. However, the State PWD has not sent a proposal for developing this road as an all weather road.

(c) Presently, the emphasis is on the improvement of riding quality of Natioal Highways. Border Roads Organization, who are developing and maintaining this National Highway, have taken up the works of improvement of riding quality, which are expected to be completed within the next two years or so. They have also planned double-laning of the remaining single lane stretches aggregating to 190 km. in Assam, during 10th Five Year Plan itself. While taking up the improvement of any stretch, improvement of shoulders is also included.

(d) and (e) The work for approaches to Jalkiasuti Bridge is being taken up shortly by Border Road Organization and is expected to be completed by March, 2005. The restoration work at Samarjan on NH-52 is likely to be completed by March, 2004.

(f) The proposal for the improvement of Kamalabari-Mohkina road under CRF has not been received from the State Government so far. However, a proposal for improvement of Narayanpur-Laluk road, has been received from the State Government. Sanction of the project will be done depending upon the availability of the funds.

Widening of National Highways

†1842. DR. AKHTAR HASAN RIZVI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to widen the National Highways;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of the National Highways which would be widened in the scheme?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN): (a) and (b) 4/6- laning of National Highways has been taken up under the National Highways Development Project (NHDP) comprising Golden Quadrilateral connecting Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata, and the North-South and East-West Corridors connecting Srinagar to Kanyakumari (including Kochi-Salem spur) and Silchar to Porbandar. Widening of some sections of other National Highways have been taken up under Port Connectivity and various other Projects. There is another programme for widening 10,000 km. of National Highways. The widening of National Highways is taken up depending on traffic intensity, *inter-se* priority and availabiliy of funds.

(c) The details of National Highways taken up under NHDP, port connectivity, other projects and Non-NHDP sections so far identified are given below:—

Sl. No.	Description	National Highways
A. NATIONAL HIGHWAYS DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (NHDP)		
I.	**Golden Quardrilateral**	
1.	Delhi-Mumbai section	8, 76, 79
2.	Mumbai-Chennai section	4, 7, 46
3.	Kolkata-Chennai section	5, 6, 60
4.	Delhi-Kolkata section	2
II.	**North-South Corridor**	1A, 1, 2, 3, 75, 26, 7, 47
III.	**East-West Corridor**	54, 36, 37, 31, 31C, 57, 28, 25, 2, 76, 14, 15, 18A, 8B
B.	**PORT CONNECTIVITY**	41, 5A, 7A, 47, 17, 48, 17B, 4B, 4, 8A
C.	**OTHER PROJECTS**	1, 8, 9, 24, 27, 45, 45B
D.	**NON-NHDP NATIONAL HIGHWAY SECTIONS SO FAR IDENTIFIED FOR DEVELOPMENT**	1, 3, 4A, 6, 11, 12, 15, 17, 22, 28, 31, 31A, 33, 36, 39, 40, 44, 47, 52, 52A, 53, 54, 58, 66, 72, 77